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DISAGREE ON EFFICIENCY OF CIA

Gray was interviewing Congressman Leonard Farbstein of New York, who has just returned from the NATO Conference. They discussed foreign affairs, particularly whether the administration was caught unawares by the Indian move on Goa.

GRAY: "Congressman Farbstein, I've just finished reading a book which you could not have read. It's an advance galley edition of a book called CIA. It's written by a man named Andrew Tully, who in the past has written best sellers about the Treasury Department, the FBI, various government agencies. And this book, CIA, which is a factual book about the Central Intelligence Agency, Mr. Dulles, his successor, President Kennedy and goes back through the years taking the history from World War II of the CIA, or following World War II, tells me that there is very little the CIA has not known in advance, such as the Suez activity, what Israel was going to do, what France was up to, what Great Britain was up to. Practically every bit of information that's happened in revolt, revolution, whatever, has been known about, because we have a vast intelligence network.

"Now it follows, if I am to accept the book and I do, that the CIA, and therefore the President of the United States, must have had some inclination (sic) of what India is up to. You simply can't mass troops and move them in 35 seconds. There's always--there are always indications."

FARBSTEIN: "Generally I don't think I would be in disagreement with what you say, except in one instance which comes vividly to my attention and of course I mention that just in passing, that is what happened in Iraq. And the reason that I say that is because the head of the CIA, Mr. Dulles, appeared before our committee..."

GRAY: "Yes."

FARBSTEIN: "...and I said, 'It's a fine situation.'"

GRAY: "Not according to the book, Congressman."

FARBSTEIN: "Well, I'm telling you what Mr. Dulles said."

GRAY: "Well, I commend the book to you because, according to the book, the CIA had quite a bit of knowledge about what was happening in Iraq. And I think-- isn't that the same Colonel Schwarzkopf who was involved in the Lindbergh kidnapping case, who then went for the CIA and involved himself in that area, buying mercenaries for the government?"

FARBSTEIN: "Oh, I think that's so. However, what can we say when the head of an organization comes before a committee of Congress and says that they were surprised? And I said, 'It's a fine situation when we've got to pick up a newspaper and find out that there is a revolution. What's happened to our CIA, what's happened to our intelligence?'"